

# CARICOM/JAPAN FRIENDSHIP YEAR CELEBRATORY SEMINAR: ST. KITTS AND NEVIS

Old Road Fishing Complex Wednesday  
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The Seminar was held on November 5, 2014

- ◉ Opening ceremony which was chaired by Mr. Kharim Saddler Fisheries Assistant, Department of Marine Resources.
- ◉ Welcome and remarks were provided by Mr. March Williams, Director of Fisheries St. Kitts and Nevis and Mrs. June Masters of the CRFM (who joined the meeting via Skype).
- ◉ The discussion portion of the Seminar was led by Mr. Samuel Heyliger, Fisheries Officer, Department of Marine Resources.

The outcome of the meeting is as follows:

# SUCCESSSES OF JAPAN'S INTERVENTIONS: ST. KITTS AND NEVIS

## There has been great successes in Training

- ◉ Many St. Kitts and Nevis nationals were sent to Japan to be trained in a number of fisheries related disciplines (aquaculture, engine maintenance, etc).
- ◉ The fisheries sector (and particularly the staff of the Fisheries; Divisions on both Islands) benefited from the various fisheries related training opportunities provided through Caribbean Fisheries Training and Development Institute (CFTDI) (in **Trinidad and Tobago**).
- ◉ In-country training facilitated by Japanese experts and resources such as tools were provided.

# SUCSESSES CONTINUED

## There has been great successes in Technology

- ◉ Provision of gear technology (longline)
- ◉ Provision of new gear technology (vertical longline for diamond back squid)
- ◉ Technology to assist with the catching of pelagics
- ◉ FAD related technology (building and deploying FAD's)

## There has been great successes in Infrastructure Development

- ◉ The fisheries facilities provided at Basseterre and Old Road represent an investment of about US\$40 m

# SUCCESS CONTINUED

## Donation of equipment

- ◉ Provision of the various equipment needed to make the fishing facilities functional (including even such things as chairs )
- ◉ Computers
- ◉ Cameras
- ◉ Audio equipment (speakers)
- ◉ Freezers, Chill
- ◉ Vacuum Sealers,
- ◉ Vehicle,

# CHALLENGES

## **Challenges with regards to training.**

- ◉ In some cases equipment and materials needed to implement training was not provided and was not available locally.
- ◉ Trained personnel have not been passing on this knowledge to others (they have not trained others).
- ◉ Continuous (upgraded and updated) training is not offered. For example training in maintenance and repairing of 2 stroke engine was provided However 4 stroke engines are currently in use (by small number of fishers) and so there is now a need to provide training in the maintenance and repair of 4 stroke engines.
- ◉ In some cases inappropriate persons are chosen for the offered training.
- ◉ In some cases the trained person has no outlet for the training provided (no local demand), as well as no tools with which to carry out the function in which he was trained .

# CHALLENGES

## Challenges with regards to infrastructure

- ◉ In some cases, the fisheries facilities provided (eg at Old Road ) the infrastructure provided deviated from what was discussed and agreed to by the fishers using the facility.
- ◉ The Old Road facility was built to accommodate boats of maximum length 25ft, given that was the maximum size of boats using the area at that time (in 2005). Currently however the boats using the area are 40ft boats and the facility cannot accommodate these boats.

# CHALLENGES

## Challenges with regards to equipment

- ◉ The Basseterre facility (the mother site), is the site for processing and thus houses most of the equipment (vacuum packaging equipment a live lobster holding tank etc) while the Old Road facility is not equipped to process fish. This concept is in need of review to examine if it is still valid.
- ◉ There should be a trained personally located in the immediate surroundings to fix vital equipment such as the ice machines (for each complex or two trained maintenance persons).



# RECOMMENDATIONS

## Training recommendation

- ◉ The general recommendation on training: all future training should have built into it; a contractual obligation and a mechanism which stipulates that the trainee upon return to St. Kitts and Nevis will undertake activities to pass on and make available the knowledge gained from the training provided to him or her.

## The meeting also called for training in the following areas

- ◉ Any kind of fisheries technology training
- ◉ Training in the use and maintenance of 4 stroke engines
- ◉ Training and awareness in fishing and other fisheries related jobs as a career aimed at young people.
- ◉ Training in the fixing of the ice machines
- ◉ Integrating fisheries training into the curriculum of school

# RECOMMENDATIONS

## Infrastructure recommendations

1. The direct beneficiaries of infrastructural development should be involved at all levels of development including; the planning stage, the design stage, review and modification, and the final product and the implementation.
2. Any infrastructure development should take into consideration the present and future use of those facilities (we should build with the future in mind).

# RECOMMENDATIONS

## Recommendations on Equipment

1. The government should make a financial commitment to the maintenance of the equipment
2. The government should make a commitment to using the specified manuals and systems of maintenance (supplied with the equipment) when servicing or fixing the equipment provided.

# THANK YOU TO THE PEOPLE AND GOVERNMENT OF JAPAN

The Meeting stated that the assistance of the Government and People of Japan to the fisheries sector of St. Kitts and Nevis was received with deep and heartfelt gratitude and thanks. It was recognized that there had been challenges along the way, but the beneficiaries are grateful for the help they have received.

The fishers present at the seminar suggested that they would like to send a written letter of thank you to the Government and People of Japan. It was suggested that this letter could be delivered at the culminating seminar in Trinidad and Tobago in December 2014.